

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2024-714

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member White

**Date of Introduction:** August 27, 2024

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R, F

**Date of Analysis:** August 28, 2024

**Type of Action:** Appropriation, *Ordinance Code* waiver and exemption, and designation of oversight agency

**Bill Summary:** This bill is an appropriation of \$120,000 from the Economic Grant Program, Miscellaneous Non-Departmental Expenditures account to the Municipal Dues and Affiliations – Chamber of Commerce, Dues and Subscriptions account. Section 110.112, *Ordinance Code* is waived to allow for quarterly payments to Jax Chamber. The Exemption in Section 126.108(g), *Ordinance Code* is invoked to allow for direct procurement of professional services without a competitive bid process. Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code* is waived to permit a direct contract with Jax Chamber. The funding agreement with the City and Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce, Inc. is authorized. The Office of Economic Development will provide oversight.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds for Jax Chamber to attract and retain key business headquarters in downtown Jacksonville, advocate existing downtown businesses for expansion, and provide an economic analysis and data on the impact of attracting and maintaining corporate headquarters in downtown Jacksonville. The funding agreement term is August 21, 2024 through August 20, 2025.

**Policy Impact Area:** Jax Chamber professional services

**Fiscal Impact:** Appropriation of amount not-to-exceed \$120,000, payable in equal quarterly installments

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